

### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 59 is allowed. By this amendment, the 112 rejection has been addressed, and claim 60 has been aligned with claim 59 to also place it in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that outstanding 35 USC § 102 rejection is moot and the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner agree, Applicants hereby provide authorization for the Examiner to cancel the withdrawn claims and issue a notice of allowance.

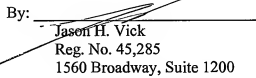
In the event a telephone conference would further expedite allowance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 19-1970 any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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